

RECKLESS. DANGEROUS. AND ON JAN. 2 ILLEGAL.



Delaware has decided: Talking and texting on a handheld cell phone while driving is just too dangerous. Since 2009, there have been more than 300 crashes due to cell phone usage while driving in Delaware. Beginning Jan. 2, it is against the law to talk or text while driving. So put down the phone or pick up a \$50 fine.

- The new law bans drivers from using handheld cell phones. You may only talk with a hands-free device.
- You may not read, write or send text messages while driving.
- You may not use pagers, PDAs (BlackBerrys®, etc.), laptops, games, or any other portable computing devices while driving.
- You will be fined \$50 for the first offense, and \$100 to \$200 for subsequent offenses.
- Note: Please see reverse side for exceptions to the law.



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YOU TALK. YOU TEXT. YOU PAY.



Delaware's new cell phone law bans the use of texting and talking on handheld cell phones while driving. However, the following exceptions apply:

- Law enforcement, firefighters, EMS technicians or other operators of authorized emergency vehicles are permitted to use a handheld cell phone in the performance of their official duties.
- Anyone using a handheld cell phone to report an emergency on the roadways.
- Use of an amateur radio by an FCC-licensed amateur radio operator.
- Business or government employees are permitted to use a two-way radio mounted or attached to a motor vehicle to communicate with a central branch dispatch, base of operation or with other employees (i.e., utility companies and DeIDOT).
- Persons using a handheld cell phone while driving or operating a farm tractor, non-registered farm truck or farm equipment.

Note: Drivers are only permitted to pick up their cell phone to dial a phone number or to activate or deactivate hands-free equipment and then drivers must put the phone or equipment down.



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